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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please add the following "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section text to the specification immediately after the title of the specification:

### Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number: 60/274,261, entitled "Legacy-Compatible Forward Error Correction in Telecommunications Networks," filed on March 8, 2001 and incorporated by reference.

## REMARKS

This preliminary amendment adds the claim to the benefit of the provisional application that appears in the substitute declaration mailed to the Office on June 7, 2002. A copy of the substitute declaration is attached.

Respectfully,
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